



# THE BRITISH COLONIST

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## ENGLISH TOPICS.

In glancing over the English journals, we find that the most disheartening intelligence is that in relation to the Lancashire operatives. As the winter months were approaching, the calamities of this unfortunate class seemed to be on the increase, and the numbers that were being added to the catalogue of those receiving scanty pay amounted to 3,000 a week. The money, so far, raised for the employment of the operatives on work of utility amounts to £1,800,000—all of which has been already appropriated with the exception of £50,000. The results, however, of this outlay have not been exactly satisfactory. It is computed that upwards of 40,000 persons have been in some shape or other employed on public works, but there is much complaint that the money has not been put to the most economic use, and that some towns with a less expenditure than others have given a much larger share of profitable employment. The philanthropy of the British public is likely to be subjected to a fresh strain; for with all the shipment of cotton from India and other parts, it is evident that so long as the American war continues the demand for cotton goods will necessarily be limited.

Public opinion still finds much to combat with in the Governmental departments in England. Although experience of the most expensive character has proved to the world the necessity of relying no longer on wooden vessels for naval warfare, we find the English Admiralty clinging with astonishing vigor to the "wooden walls." The Victoria, one of the large wooden three-deckers, is ordered into commission to proceed to the Mediterranean as flagship of the British squadron. She carries 120 guns and requires a complement of 1200 men. As the utmost difficulty is at present experienced in obtaining seamen for the Royal Navy, the Times very forcibly draws the Government's attention to the absurdity of putting such a vessel in commission. "A single shell," says that journal, "such as is now manufactured, would pierce the sides of the Victoria, burst in her crowded middle deck, and produce a slaughter and panic beyond conception. A single shot would make a hole in her bottom which would finish the fight as the Kearsarge put an end to the Alabama."

It is to be noted such a vessel as the Victoria should rot in harbor, or become an example of her own weakness as a target ship, than that, because a vast sum has been spent on her, the Admiralty should persist in an exploded system."

It is not alone, however, in the Admiralty that retrogressive ideas are maintained, and evidences adduced that many of the departments of Government are behind the intelligence of the people. The great strife which England has of late years made in opening numerous branches of the public service to competitive examination seems to be too progressive, and we have therefore from many official quarters serious remonstrances against the continuance of the system. The Indian department is especially singled out as an instance of the superiority of the "appointment by favor" principle. It is alleged that, as the members of the civil service are now drawn from a lower grade than formerly, since intellect is made the principal test, the service has actually declined; that the men are not as tall nor as strong as those under the old system; that they have not that personal character which impresses the native mind; that, in fact they are not "gentlemen." The Times sarcastically disposes of these objections, and shows that they are in every particular false. "The tests of a gentleman," it says, "are various enough, and somewhat arbitrary; but there is one which will scarcely be repudiated by the advocates of Heliobury, and that is the place of education." When the Royal Engineers corps was opened to competitive examination, the same objections were uttered that are now in the mouths of the officials alluded to; that the engineers might possibly be more intellectual and better educated, than formerly, but they would be easily wanting in *physical*, and in this important particular inferior to the officers in other branches of the service. The most effective way to disprove this was to test it, and accordingly athletic challenges—boating, cricketing, &c.—became the order of the day. The result was, that the officers of the line—the commission by purchase gentlemen—were in almost every instance beaten. The cry is now got up, we the Indian civil service, and an attempt made to go back to the days of corrupt patronage; but we think with the Times that "one thing is certain, that no retrograde step, tending to reconvert the Indian civil service into a preserve for any privileged class, whatever world over be tantalized by public opinion."

Maritime imbroglios are, it would appear, not altogether confined to American belligerents with neutral powers. The seizure of the Florida, has been descended upon in no measured terms by both the English and French press; but the recent outrage on a British vessel in the Straits of Gibraltar by a Spanish force is deserving of much severer censure. Through a series of weather the vessel was obliged to approach within a mile of Ceuta, on the African shore; her rigging was so much damaged that in attempting to hoist the English colors, she was unable to raise

the flag more than eighteen feet from the deck. This, however, did not seem to satisfy the fanatics Spanish in command of the fort, and after having first fired a blank cartridge, she sent a shot which struck the ship's bow between wind and water; another shot immediately followed, cutting away a portion of the rigging; but in the meantime the vessel was sinking, and the captain and crew had just time to make their escape in the boat, and nothing more. The vessel and cargo went down, and the master at present forms a "difficulty" between the British and Spanish Governments. It is to be hoped that the latter will be obliged to pay a sufficient indemnity for this outrageous abuse of international rights. It was the master's accident that all the men on board did not perish with the vessel, and it is sufficient to prove that the usual warning was not given by the commander of the fort before firing a shot, and that the usual interval of ten minutes was not allowed to elapse between the discharges.

## HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

House met at 8 P.M. Members present—

Meissner, DeCosmo, Powell, Franklin, Young, Dickson, Carwell; Dennis.

## COURT OF THE TWO COUNCILS.

Franklin gave notice that on Monday next he would call a meeting of the two Councils to consider the Governor's report on the subject of the proposed new colonies. The two colonies measures may be taken to create a merged jurisdiction between the Courts of Civil and Criminal Justice, and if possible to form a Court of Appeal for the hearing of all cases, local or otherwise.

## WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

DeCosmo obtained leave to bring in a bill applying a standard of weight and measure.

## GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION.

Dr. Dickson gave notice that on Monday next he would call a meeting of the two Councils to consider the Governor's report on the subject of the proposed new colonies.

## DISCOURSES OR REPORTS.

Mr. DeCosmo obtained leave to bring in a bill regarding the mode of election of Trustees.

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## NOTICES.

**Notice.**  
DURING MY TEMPORARY ABSENCE, I have concluded my business with Mr. James Reid, Esquire, and Mr. James Reid, Esquire, the latter continuing the writing of my business.

Petrol's Building, Government Street, Victoria, Dec. 26th, 1864.

**CO-PARTNERSHIP NOTICE.**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I have this day admitted Mr. ALFRED FELLOWES as a partner into the firm of A. FELLOWES & CO., Auctioneers, &c., who, as heretofore, will be conducted. All outstanding claims will be collected by D. Kavanagh to the 2d day of January, 1865, and the amount so collected will be paid by the said D. Kavanagh.

DAVID H. KAVANAGH & CO.,  
Bridge Wharf, January 3rd, 1865.

## NOTICE.

DURING MY ABSENCE IN ENGLAND MR. CHARLES W. E. THOMSON holds my Power of Attorney.

ALFRED FELLOWES,  
Victoria Building Company, Limited.

WHEREAS, AT A GENERAL MEETING OF THE ABOVE-mentioned Company, held October 21st, 1864, it was resolved that the Colony for a few months, or he would dispose of the entire business. Apply to Mr. C. W. E. Thomson, Esq., 10, St. James's Street, London, by the 1st of January, 1865, will be forwarded, and the amount due, together with the cost of the legal process.

The call is payable at the office of the Company, Government Street, between the hours of 10 and 12.

THOMAS ALLSOP, Esq.,  
Government Street, Victoria, Dec. 26th, 1864.

**NOTICE.**

ALL PARTIES HAVING ANY claims against us will please present the same, and be entitled to a full and prompt payment.

OFFICE OF J. E. DAVIES & CO., Auctioneers, Wharf street, Victoria, Dec. 17th, 1864.

**REMOVAL.**

THE PARTNERSHIP HITHERTO EXISTING between James Duncan and Robert George, as Auctioneers and Comptrollers of the Customs, has this day been dissolved by mutual consent, James Duncan assuming all liabilities of the late firm.

JAMES DUNCAN,  
ROBERT GEORGE.

Witness—W. S. SKEENE, Esq., Solicitor.

Mr. Wm. Calverley is authorized to collect all outstanding debts.

Victoria, 23rd December, 1864.

**Copartnership Notice.**

GEO. CRUDWELL, Esq., has this day been admitted into the firm of G. CRUDWELL & CO., Auctioneers, &c., a partner therein. The business will be conducted under the present name of GUILD, CO. & CO.

George Crudwell alone is authorized to sign name of the firm.

A. H. GUILD,  
JULES DAVIS.

October 26th, 1864.

VICTORIA, V. I., Dec. 23d, 1864.

**NATHAN POINTER**

RETURNS HIS MANY THANKS TO THE INHABITANTS OF VICTORIA, FOR THE LIBERAL AND FRIENDLY RECEPTION WHICH HE HAS RECEIVED, AND THE PLEASURE WHICH HE HAS RECEIVED FROM THEM FOR NEARLY SEVEN YEARS, AND SHALL

**SELL OFF**

Balance of his Stock

—  
COST!

TO CLOSE BUSINESS.

**STORE TO LET.**

WITH LEASE TO SEPTEMBER 1st, 1865.

And fixtures for sale at a reasonable price.

Don't Forget

To call and purchase those

Beautiful white Neck Ties

FOR THE

GRAND CIRCUS BALL,

ON December 27th.

SELL 1000 CASES OF THIS CELEBRATED BRAND, in quarts and pints.

JUST LANDED, "EX ENVOY"

IN SPLENDID ORDER,

And for sale in lots to suit by

J. PATRICK & CO.,  
Corner Johnson and Government Streets,

debt 80.

London and Lancashire FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY (REGISTERED).

Capital One Million.

Offices 73 and 74 King William st., London

AND

Water street, Liverpool.

**HENDERSON & BURNABY**

HAVING BEEN APPOINTED AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to issue Policies for Fire Insurance, and to collect premiums with due regularity.

10, Water street, Victoria, V. I.

**Hutchinson & Co.,**

Wholesale and Retail

**BUTCHERS**

And Dealers in

**CATTLE**

SHEEP, HOGS, AND VEGETABLES

Hotels, Restaurants, Families, and Shipping supplied at short notice.

CHIEF OFFICE—At the Queen's Market, Wharf street, and branches in various parts of the city.

Dec. 1st.

**EXTRA**

FROM THE LARGEST AND BEST

**Occidental Oyster Stand.**

THE LARGEST AND BEST

**OLYMPIA**

Dispensed in every style at the above Stand by the well known confectioner.

PETRE CARGOTICH.

Open all hours.

Fellows and Roscoe,

IRON AND HARDWARE DEALERS,

Have removed to the Store lately occupied by Mr. Hobson.

Moore's Building, Yates Street,

Opposite Langley.

debt 10.

**GOVERNMENT**

NOTICE.

IN THESE VARIOUS BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS AND ENTRANCES THE BRITISH COLONIAL PUBLISHING COMPANY WILLING

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